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**Re: 1102 Enfield Rd.**

**Dear Council and Staff:**

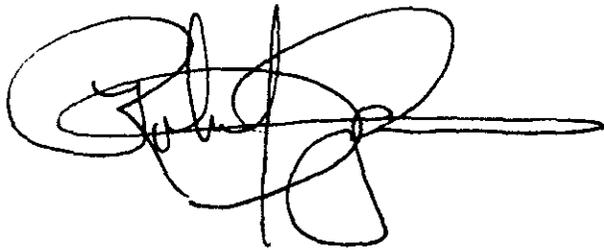
**Austin attorney Robert Agnor, who lives only a half block from the historic home at 1102 Enfield Rd., is out of town. Just before leaving, he realized that the Council meeting was tonight. He dashed off a hand written letter of support, called me, and asked that his letter be delivered to you. He apologizes for its informality.**

**Thank you.**

**Bill Head**

My name is Robert Agnew. My wife  
Katy and I own and have lived at 1517  
Parkway, Austin, TX., 78703 since  
January of 1997. We are also both  
Austinites and my family has lived in  
Austin since before 1800.

We both support and have always  
supported historical zoning.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Agnew". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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**Council and Staff**

**Austin Physician, Dr. Robert Cantu (1509 Windsor Rd.), is unable to attend the Council meeting, but asked that his original opposition to the Demolition Permit be used to indicate his support for Historic Zoning.**

**Dr. Cantu states:**

**“I received no notice of the proposed demolition of 1102 Enfield Rd.**

**This property is of historic significance to my neighborhood. Destruction of this property will adversely affect the character of my historic neighborhood. I oppose the destruction of 1102 Enfield Rd. “**

**A copy of his original comment form is attached.**

**Thank you.**

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, and the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

Case Number(s): **NRD-05-0051**

Contact: Steve Sadowsky, (512) 974-6454

Public Hearing:

July 18, 2005 Historic Landmark Commission

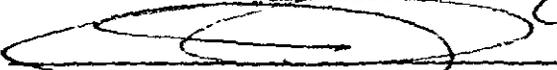
**DR. ROBERT CANTU**

Your Name (please print)

I am in favor  
 I object!

**1509 WINDSOR ROAD 78703**

Your address(es) affected by this application



**7/17/05**

Signature

Date

Comments:

I received NO notice of the proposed demolition of 1102 Enfield Rd

This property is of historic significance to my neighborhood.

Destruction of this property will adversely affect the character of my historic neighborhood. Compose

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin

Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department

Steve Sadowsky

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

the destruction of 1102 Enfield Rd,





# Travis County Historical Commission

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October 4, 2006

Mayor and Council,

Although the Travis County Historical Commission does not have the authority to block development projects on historic properties owned by private individuals, we can urge planners and developers to give serious consideration to the value historic structures have in the community. We support efforts throughout the County to find preservation alternatives in development projects whenever possible.

Many of the older central Austin neighborhoods have been impacted lately by old homes being torn down to clear the way for new site development. There has been an on-going debate in the media about new house size and site restrictions, particularly in older neighborhoods. Structures with a long existence, like the 88-year Baugh-Colby House, very often have connections and associations with significant individuals in Austin's history. That information, as well as the building's architectural significance, can be lost to future generations when the structure is destroyed.

The Austin Historic Landmark Commission and the City Planning Commission have both gone on record stating that the Baugh-Colby House is worthy of historic designation. The Travis County Historical Commission supports this designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Hutcheson".

Barry Hutcheson, Chair  
Travis County Historical Commission

Remarks for City Council from Dr. William Kelly, October 5, 2006

Dr. William Kelly is very sorry that he cannot attend tonight. He is teaching his graduate seminar at UT. Dr. Kelly has been a professor at UT for nearly 30 years and a resident of Old Enfield for 13 years. He currently is Vice President of the Old Enfield Homeowners Association. He wants to make three points.

First, the most recent and sophisticated scientific research, which I have reviewed in my role as a statistical research expert, clearly shows that historic preservation in fact raises property values of an individual historic landmark and surrounding properties. A recent study conducted in Texas. It clearly and scientifically demonstrates that historic preservation increases property values for historic landmarks and homes in historic districts on average 14% relative to homes that are not landmarks or not located in historic districts (Leichenko et al, Historic Preservation and Residential Property Values: An Analysis of Texas Cities, Urban Studies, 2001).

Let me be clear. Historic preservation impacts the pocket book, not only for an individual landmark, but for the other residences in the surrounding area. While more profit may accrue to the developer from tearing down the Baugh-Colby House and constructing condos, the economic impact on the neighborhood will clearly be detrimental.

In making your decision, I strongly urge you to consider not only the economics of demolition of the Baugh-Colby House, but also the economics of all of the other homes in Old Enfield. I understand the "property rights" argument that the owner and others opposed to this application for historic zoning. However, the neighbors in Old Enfield have property rights as well, and a right to protect their property values.

Secondly, I would like for you to consider the idea of stewardship. Just as most of us believe that we are stewards of natural resources such as public parks, clean air and clean water, it seems that developers sometimes lose sight of the stewardship of our historic resources. I believe that our role is to care for what came before us, especially when what came before us has such substantial historic significance.

Finally, I cannot help but express my outrage at the way the owner of this property has neglected and abused this historic resource. I believe that denying this application for historic landmark designation would serve to condone such behavior and set a dangerous precedent for the future.

Thank you for your time.

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